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Title: **MULTI-FUNCTIONAL LEAK DETECTION INSTRUMENT
ALONG WITH SENSOR MOUNTING ASSEMBLY AND
METHODOLOGY UTILIZING THE SAME**

Art Unit: 2855
Examiner: Michael T. Cygan

Action: **TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION
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The documents identified on the attached form PTO/SB/08B have come to the attention of the undersigned in connection with the subject application. Unless otherwise indicated, copies of these documents are attached, and it is respectfully requested that they be made of record in this proceeding. The identification of these documents is for the purpose of meeting Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and is not intended to be an admission that any of these documents constitutes prior art as to the invention disclosed and claimed in the subject application.

Item 1 on form PTO/SB/08B (Attachment 1) is a leak detection instrument having a gooseneck extension supporting an acoustic emissions sensor. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, this instrument was sold prior to Applicant's date of invention of the present application.

Item number 2 on form PTO/SB/08B (Attachment 2) is a gas detection instrument (a sniffer) with an internal pump and a gooseneck extension which supports a gas sensor. Applicant cannot recall the exact origin of the product shown in Attachment 2, but Applicant's best recollection is that the instrument was acquired sometime in 2002 or early 2003 prior to the filing date of the present application. Applicant, however, is unaware whether Attachment 2 was available more than one year before the present application's filing date, or that it was available prior to Applicant's actual date of invention (which Applicant can establish if necessary).

Finally, item 3 on form PTO/SB/08B (Attachment 3) are excepts from a website for Bacharach which were recently printed. Particularly, Applicant provides those pages pertaining to a refrigerant leak detector marketed under the name "The Informant" ®. The Examiner may note that, according to the specifications for the instrument, the sensing element is a heated diode that is presumably described in U.S. Patent No. 5,932,176 to Yannopoulos which Applicant previously submitted to the Office in an IDS. As for the instrument itself, Applicant has no knowledge when such units were first made available. However, to the best of Applicant's recollection, such units were available prior to the filing date of the present application, but not prior to Applicant's actual date of invention.

Please initial the attached form PTO/SB/08B where indicated and return a copy of the initialed documents to the undersigned as an indication that the listed references have been considered and made of record.

The Examiner is courteously solicited to enter an expeditious allowance of this application. If any questions remain to be addressed, it is respectfully

requested that the undersigned attorney for the Applicants be contacted at the number listed below.



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	1	Photograph and CAD drawings of a leak detection instrument marketed under the designation "Accutrak", Model No. J41416.	
	2	Photograph of a dis-assembled gas detection instrument.	
	3	Photograph of a refrigerant leak detector, printed from http://www.bacharach-inc.com/	

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